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Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter will serve to acknowledge receipt of your letter to me of September 14 relative to the JFK facility and its potential use by the Newark Swim Team. Please be advised that there are no immediate or emergency plans to repair or renovate that facility as it does not present a life or health-threatening situation to Newark residents. Moreover, as the City is presently responsible for the health and safety of tenants in numerous buildings formerly administered by private landlords, our primary concern will be to insure that basic services (i. e. water, electricity, heat, et. al.) are available to those tenants. Given massive reductions in federal funds to the City, which have provided the necessary resources we use for that purpose, it appears unlikely that the JFK recreation facility and other similar structures will receive priority attention in the foreseeable future.

I will, however, by copy of this letter direct the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to take whatever actions are necessary to obtain a cost estimate for repairs to the facility. I am requesting that I receive this information by the end of October. In the event the estimate is of a minimal cost, I would consider repairs to the facility as time and circumstances permit.

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I regret that I cannot be more responsive to your request. I have attempted to explain, candidly, the situation we currently face and hope that the Newark Swim Team can appreciate our need to define areas which will receive priority attention. In any case, please know that I wish the Team well in its endeavors.

Sincerely,



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